Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 16 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Sunday 17 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Saturday 16 Mar 2024 at 02:43

Confidence: High for a dry morning Saturday before cloud and rain arrive later. High confidence for unsettled weather with sunny spells and showers until Tuesday, but low confidence for the exact day to day details.

Headline for Saturday 16 Mar 2024: Dry and bright start. Cloud, rain and strong winds soon spread northeast.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 16 Mar 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	20%	90%	60%	90%

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Weather: A dry start with some clear spells but mist or fog clearing through the morning. Cloud spreading in from the southwest through the morning, with outbreaks of light rain possible. Heavy outbreaks of rain follow on from lunchtime, falling as snow initially above 800m before freezing levels rise. The rain clears in the late evening, but low cloud is likely to linger.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 90% at first, falling to less than 20% through midday.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud and visibility initially excellent away from a few mist or fog patches overnight. Cloud falling to even modest elevations of 300m or so with associated poor visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	13/19 SE	25/34 SE	30/41 SE	24/34 SE	28/39 S	27/38 S	20/28 S
300	6/11 SE	12/21 SE	16/27 SE	12/23 SE	13/26 S	13/25 S	7/15 SW
Valley	5/12 SE	11/21 SE	14/27 SE	9/21 SE	11/24 S	10/22 S	4/12 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	2/-3	3/-4	4/-2	5/-1	6/1	6/1	7/2
300	3/0	5/2	6/2	6/3	7/4	8/4	8/6
Valley	4/2	7/3	7/3	7/5	8/5	8/6	8/7
Freezing Level*	800m	1100m	1700m	2000m	1900m	2000m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

A bright start but soon becoming dull and wet, so suitable clothing is advised. Feeling very cold in persistent cloud and rain later. Strong winds later will also make conditions more tiring.

Forecast for Sunday 17 Mar 2024

Weather: A changeable day with some low cloud and outbreaks of rain, but also clearer spells at times, particularly late afternoon onwards. Low cloud through the early hours with mist or fog will see breaks at times, especially after sunrise, but conditions likely to stay dry in the morning. A band of rain or showers cross east through the middle of the day, with clearer spells developing behind this through the late afternoon as strong winds ease down.

Maximum wind: South or southwesterly 20-25mph, with gusts of 35-40mph on the highest summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 35% rising to 80% in the late afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud down to moderate elevations of 200-300m at times, with visibilities poor in low cloud or rain. Excellent visibilities and mostly clear summits by dusk.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 9 to plus 11 Celsius
At 700m: Plus 3 to plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: 1200-1400m

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